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NAPOLITANO, Grace F. (Democrat)
Representative, 34th District, California
Elected 1998 to the 106th Congress

BACKGROUND

Born: Brownsville, Texas - 4 December 1936
Home: Norwalk, California
Marital status: Married (Frank) - 5 children
Religion: Roman Catholic
Education: Brownsville High School, 1954
Military: None
Profession: Regional transportation claims agent
Political: Norwalk City Council, 1986-92; Mayor, 1989-90; California Assembly, 1993-98.
    Defeated Ed Perez (R) in the 1998 general election with 68% of the vote to succeed Rep
    Esteban E. Torres (D) who retired. Reelected in 2000 with 71% of the vote and in 2002
    with 71%.
        Rep Napolitano said her goal in Washington is constituent services. Has interests in
    economic development, crime prevention, consumer protection, highway improvements
    and environmental issues. Has experience in international trade and development from
    her chairmanship of California Assembly committee and participated in several overseas
    trips to promote state's economic interests in countries such as China, Thailand and
    Mexico.
        In the 106th Congress, expressed support for H.Con.Res.83, a resolution voicing
    support for and calling for the release of the 3 US POW's captured by Yugoslavian troops.
    (CR, 15Apr99) Met with Air Force officials on 13Oct99 to receive an update on the
    closure and transfer of the Norwalk Tank Farm (Defense Fuel Support Point). In the
    107th Congress, voted against Iraqi war resolution and "fast-track."
        In the 108th Congress, went back on term-limit pledge and said she will run in '04
    elections. Voted against Iraqi war resolution and "fast-track."
Additional: Signed Americans for Limited Terms six-year pledge, promising to be out of office
    by 2004.
AF Bases: Norwalk Defense Fuel Spt Point

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